IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims, AMEND claims, and ADD new claims, in accordance with the following:

1.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for suppressing menu items on a menu, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

(a) retrieving said menu items for said menu when an operating system conducts a hook function to notify that an application displays said menu;

(b) conducting a suppress process indicated in a definition file for each of said menu items when said <u>retrieved</u> menu items ~~retrieved in said step (a)~~ have been registered in said definition file; and

(c) passing said menu having said menu items to said application when said suppress process is conducted in said ~~step (b)~~ <u>conducting</u>, whereby said menu is displayed with said menu items for each of which said suppress process is conducted.

2.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for suppressing menu items on a menu, comprising ~~the step of~~:

(a) retrieving said menu items for said menu and an application ID specifying an application of said menu items when an operating system conducts a hook function to notify that said application displays said menu;

(b) conducting a suppress process indicated in a definition file for a location of said <u>retrieved</u> application ID ~~retrieved in said step (a)~~ for said menu items when said <u>retrieved</u> menu items ~~retrieved in said step (a)~~ have been registered in said definition file; and

(c) passing said menu having said menu items to said application when said suppress process is conducted ~~in said step (b)~~, whereby said menu is displayed with said menu items for each of which said suppress process is conducted.

3.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for controlling a dialog box, comprising ~~the~~

~~steps of~~:

~~(a)~~ detecting a notice for displaying said dialog box and dialog items when an operating system conducts a hook function to notify that an application displays said dialog box;

~~(b)~~ conducting a suppress process indicated in a definition file for said dialog box when said notice for displaying each said detected dialog box ~~detected in said step (a)~~ has been registered; and

~~(c)~~ passing said menu having said menu items to said application when said suppress process is conducted ~~in said step (b)~~, whereby said dialog box is displayed in which said suppress process is conducted for said dialog items.

4.   (ORIGINAL) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said suppress process conducts at least one of a first suppress display for suppressing an operation corresponding to each of said menu items and displaying said menu items in luminosity or a color that is different from a normal display, a second suppress display for suppressing said operation corresponding to each of said menu items and making said menu items invisible, and a third suppress display for suppressing said operation corresponding to each of said menu items.

5.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for controlling copying of data, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

~~(a)~~ detecting a notice for copying data when an operating system conducts a hook function to notify that a copy operation is conducted on an application;

~~(b)~~ clearing a content of a clipboard when said detected notice for copying data ~~is detected in said step (a) has been~~ is registered in a definition file and a copy suppress is indicated in said definition file; and

~~(c)~~ passing said clipboard to said application when said content of said clipboard is cleared ~~in said step (b)~~, whereby said application copies said content of said clipboard which is empty.

6.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for controlling moving of data, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

~~(a)~~ detecting a notice for moving data when an operating system conducts a hook function to notify that a move operation, indicating a move-to location and a move-from location, is conducted on an application;

~~(b)~~ changing said move-to location to said move-from location when said detected notice

for moving data is detected in said step (a) has been registered in a definition file and a move suppress is indicated in said definition file; and

(c) passing said move-to location to said application when said move-to location is changed in said step (b), whereby said application moves said data from said move-from location to said move-to location which is said move-to location.

7.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for controlling moving of data, comprising the steps of:

(a) detecting a notice for moving data when an operating system conducts a hook function to notify that a move-to operation is conducted on an application;

(b) changing said move-to location to said move-from location when said detected notice for moving data is detected in said step (a) has been registered in a definition file and a move suppress is indicated in said definition file; and

(c) passing said move-to location to said application when said move-to location is changed in said step (b), whereby said application moves said data from said move-from location to said move-to location which is said move-to location.

8.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium recorded with program code for causing a computer to suppress menu items on a menu, said program comprising the codes for to:

(a) retrieving retrieve said menu items for said menu when an operating system conducts a hook function to notify that an application displays said menu;

(b) conducting a suppress process indicated in a definition file for each of said retrieved menu items when said retrieved menu items retrieved in said code (a) have been registered in said definition file; and

(c) passing said menu having said menu items to said application when said suppress process is conducted in said code (b), whereby said menu is displayed with said menu items for each of which said suppress process is conducted.

9.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium recorded with program code for causing a computer to suppress menu items on a menu, said program comprising the codes for to:

(a) retrieving retrieve said menu items for said menu and an application ID specifying an application of said menu items when an operating system conducts a hook function to notify that

said application displays said menu;

(b) conducting a suppress process indicated in a definition file for a location of said application ID retrieved in said retrieving code (a) for said menu items when said retrieved menu items retrieved in said code (a) have been registered in said definition file; and

(c) passing said menu having said menu items to said application when said suppress process is conducted in said code (b), whereby said menu is displayed with said menu items for each of which said suppress process is conducted.

10.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium recorded with program code for causing a computer to control a dialog box, said program comprising the codes for to:

A method for controlling a dialog box, comprising the codes of:

(a) detecting a notice for displaying said dialog box and dialog items when an operating system conducts a hook function to notify that an application displays said dialog box;

(b) conducting a suppress process indicated in a definition file for said dialog box when said notice for displaying said dialog box detected in said code (a) has been registered; and

(c) passing said menu having said menu items to said application when said suppress process is conducted in said code (b), whereby said dialog box is displayed in which said suppress process is conducted for said dialog items.

11.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium recorded with program code for causing a computer to control copying of data, said program comprising the codes for to:

(a) detecting a notice for copying data when an operating system conducts a hook function to notify that a copy operation is conducted on an application;

(b) clearing a content of a clipboard when said detected notice for copying data is detected in said code (a) has been registered in a definition file and a copy suppress is indicated in said definition file; and

(c) passing said clipboard to said application when said content of said clipboard is cleared in said code (b), whereby said application copies said content of said clipboard which is empty.

12.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium recorded with program code for causing a computer to control moving of data, said program comprising

the codes for to:

(a) detecting a notice for moving data when an operating system conducts a hook function to notify that a move operation indicating a move-to location and a move-from location is conducted on an application;

(b) changing said move-to location to said move-from location when said notice for moving data is detected in said code (a) has been registered in a definition file and a move suppress is indicated in said definition file; and

(c) passing said move-to location to said application when said move-to location is changed in said code (b), whereby said application moves said data from said move-from location to said move-to location which is said move-to location.

13.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium recorded with program code for causing a computer to control moving of data, said program comprising the codes for to:

(a) detecting a notice for moving data when an operating system conducts a hook function to notify that a move-to operation is conducted on an application;

(b) changing said move-to location to said move-from location when said detected notice for moving data is detected in said code (a) has been registered in a definition file and a move suppress is indicated in said definition file; and

(c) passing said move-to location to said application when said move-to location is changed in said code (b), whereby said application moves said data from said move-from location to said move-to location which is said move-to location.

14.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for suppressing menu items, comprising:

a retrieving part retrieving said menu items for said menu when an operating system conducts a hook function to notify that an application displays said menu;

a conducting part conducting a suppress process indicated in a definition file for each of said menu items when said retrieved menu items retrieved in said retrieving part have been registered in said definition file; and

a passing part passing said menu having said menu items to said application when said suppress process is conducted in said conducting part, whereby said menu is displayed with said menu items for each of which said suppress process is conducted.